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SITUATION REPORT

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FILE NAME: Project HENDON

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Event: Freedom Convoy/BearHug 2.0

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The information in this report is current to 2022-02-17 at 1230 hours.

The format of this Situation Report delineates between police information and information gathered through open sources. Media and social media information has been incorporated in this report towards developing all-source intelligence in support of providing greater context, and which may identify indicators, ideologies, and attitudes that could motivate subjects of interest and influence their behaviours.

SUPPLY CONVOY: FORT MCMURRAY to OTTAWA

The RCMP has reported that a convoy consisting of four vehicles was checked in Winnipeg in the evening of 2022-02-16. One of the vehicles is a motorhome towing a trailer. The RCMP reported anecdotal information about a bus that continued to Kenora without stopping in Winnipeg: RCMP members did not see this vehicles. The reporting indicates that the convoy is en route to Ottawa with supplies such as food, water, propane tanks and kitchen supplies for the protestors at the blockade.

OTTAWA: POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS

Items in this section are presented in order of seriousness of the potential threat:

The OPP continues to be engaged in this initiative with resources on the ground providing real-time updates and observations to the National Capital Region Command Centre – Combined Intelligence Group as events unfold.

- The OPP reports members of the public in Ottawa giving police the “thumbs up”.
- OPP reporting indicated that protestors on site are not receptive to police and officers were encircled. Vehicles on Nicholas Street were reported to be well entrenched and parked very closely together. Some protestors being verbally abusive and filming police.

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- OPP observed that the license plates have been removed from approximately 25 per cent of the vehicles on site.
- Protestors have organized their tractor-trucks at the intersection of Rideau and Sussex Streets into a defensive position.
- A large trailer was positioned perpendicularly across Wellington Street at the top of Elgin Street.

OTTAWA: OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)

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- Open source research has identified the following:
 - Social media messaging in the name of THE FERRYMAN'S TOLL indicating that the police would be forcibly clearing the convoy today.
 - Another social media message in the name of THE FERRYMAN'S TOLL requesting donations at raginghumanism@gmail.com to help fund "bigots" to come to Ottawa. We infer that "bigots" could refer to members of DIAGOLON.
 - A letter on Randy HILLIER's letterhead indicating that HILLIER, [REDACTED] (Professor of Law); [REDACTED] (criminal lawyer) and [REDACTED] (Family lawyer) would be hosting a press conference today at 1330 hours on the main floor of the Lord Elgin Hotel, 100 Elgin Street. The topic of discussion will be the invocation of the Emergencies Act.
 - A video that appears to have been live-streamed early this morning featuring [REDACTED] in which he tells people to stay in their trucks and not to move. He notes the number of Ottawa Police Service vehicles and city buses transporting police and states that "it's going down". He calls on anyone to "stand" because they need help and he calls on them to be peaceful. He said they have no instruction manual for this and they are "winging it". He claims that they are on the "right path" because they have "angel numbers" (referring to 11.1K viewers on the live stream) and have seen visions of this happening. He says he understand why they are using the OPP because they were given a lot of authority but claims that they do not have jurisdiction in the city.
 - A video featuring [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] appear to drive through the blockade yelling at people to get up and blow their horns, as the police are coming. [REDACTED] appear to have a police scanner monitoring OPP, FIRE, MTO and EMS, but say police will use a special channel, not the one they are scanning. He notes that they just came from the Infinity Centre, where police are assembled. He advises people to stay in their vehicles, keep the doors locked and keep blasting their horns. [REDACTED] says that he believes that the police will change their mind when they get to the site. He shows a crucifix that he is wearing and says that "this guy is in charge, not us". He claims that they were just chosen.

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- An online video in which [REDACTED] and a male who he calls "[REDACTED]" have an argument about the lack of a plan in the event of a police action. "[REDACTED]" indicates that people at the blockade are panicking and they are trying to figure out what to do. "[REDACTED]" states that he will not sit in his truck if he sees people being dragged out of their vehicles or roughed up by police, but is unsure of just what to do. [REDACTED] was unhappy, as he was only doing what [REDACTED] told him to do.
- A video featuring [REDACTED] asks her viewers to treat the media and police with respect, and to pray for them, because "they know not what they do" and are only trying to feed their families. She noted that there is a lot of "rightful" anger at the government. She also requests them to pray for the Prime Minister and to remember when they show a sign denigrating the Prime Minister that he has three children. She stated that it was inevitable that she will be going where she will get three square meals a day, but that she is not afraid. Try not to be angry. Can only win this with love and standing together
- The Hamilton Police Service reports that some members of the Windsor Freedom Group want to travel to Ottawa, but are facing barriers in terms of cost and weather.
- The Toronto Police Service reports callouts on social media for people to go to Ottawa, including one that mentions pulling children out, the use of tear gas, rubber bullets and sonic weapons. The tactic of blasting truck horns to interfere with communication between police officers is advised.

TORONTO: POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS

- The Toronto Police Service (TPS) continues to monitor for potential upcoming protests.

TORONTO: OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)

- TPS continues to monitor for relevant open source information and reports that the focus appears to be more on Ottawa.

AMBASSADOR BRIDGE:

- The Ambassador Bridge has fully re-opened and nearby routes are clear and controlled by police.

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BLUE WATER BRIDGE:

- OPP reporting indicates that a slow roll of farm vehicles planned for this morning.

PEACE BRIDGE:

- Police reporting indicates that a protest at the Peace Bridge is planned for 2022-02-19 and a possible slow roll on 2022-02-20.

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE (CORNWALL):

- Police are monitoring for activity at the port of entry – no activity and little information to suggest that there could be a protest on the weekend.

LANSDOWNE BRIDGE:

- No events at this port of entry.

NORTHWEST REGION:

- OPP reporting has identified a potential blockade at the Nipigon River Bridge scheduled for 2022-02-26.

ONTARIO: POLICE INFORMATION & OBSERVATIONS

- The OPP continues to monitor for relevant information regarding local protests in OPP jurisdiction.

ONTARIO: OPEN SOURCE INFORMATION (Media and Social Media)

- No significant developments.

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OTHER

- Open source research has identified social media messaging calling for a “railway strike” as part of a “fight for freedom” on 2022-02-18.
- The Freedom Convoy 2022 account with GiveSendGo amounts to \$9,567,846 USD. The Adopt A Trucker account has raised \$590,173 USD. The Bitcoin wallet for the blockade can no longer be accessed online.

ASSESSMENT

The situation in Ottawa appears tense as protestors anticipate imminent police action. The current information suggests a rift amongst organizers, or between organizers and protestors, and a lack of any plan in the event of police action. [REDACTED]'s video appeared to be a “farewell address”, recognizing that she will likely be arrested and asking people to pray for the police and Prime Minister and to act peacefully.

Enforcement action could lead to incidents of physical conflict with the police, which have the potential to escalate. The repeated narrative of peaceful protest and refusing to react to provocation suggests that some protestors will likely engage in passive resistance when enforcement begins. However, some protestors appear to believe that any police action against them is illegal and, for this reason, they have the right to defend themselves and each other with physical force if necessary. Some protestors’ belief that they are fulfilling a religious duty guided by God could serve to harden their resolve against any police action.

The re-supply convoy from Alberta suggests that the protestors continue to enjoy support. There appears to be a faith-based faction within the convoy that is convinced that their actions are right and that the government and police are misguided or malicious. For this reason, it is likely that ideologically-aligned groups and individuals will attempt to go to Ottawa in support of the protestors despite the declaration of the Emergencies Act or any enforcement by police.

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Appendix: Anticipated Events

OTTAWA			
CURRENT SITUATION - OTTAWA			
* see HENDON report			
ANTICIPATED EVENTS - OTTAWA			
DATE	TIME	NAME	COMMENTS
15 Feb 2022 to 18 Feb 2022	Various	Freedom Convoy 2022 Fort McMurray (Supply Convoy) 17 Feb: Kenora- Thunder Bay 18 Feb: SSM-Sudbury- Ottawa	• Organizers appear to be [REDACTED] • Tentative route: Fort McMurray – Edmonton – Lloydminster – Saskatoon – Winnipeg – Kenora – Thunder Bay – Sault Ste Marie – Sudbury – Ottawa • Appears to be 4 vehicles in the convoy upon arrival in Winnipeg on 16 Feb 22 • Unknown if vehicles/persons from Winnipeg joined the convoy when they departed for Kenora
19-Feb-22	1100 hrs	[REDACTED] – singing for freedom	• “Big Drum” will be in Ottawa Saturday at 1100 hrs • Singing for Freedom demonstration on the main stage • [REDACTED] (aka Brian) [REDACTED] is a Pikwakanagan community member
19-Feb-22	U/K	Alberta Freedom Convoy 2022CA	• Attempts to fill a charter bus to Ottawa • Pickups in Red Deer, Calgary, Medicine Hat, Swift Current, Regina • Locations/timings to be confirmed • Unknown how many people are going • Information being exchanged between organizer & interested parties through Private Messaging

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TORONTO - QUEEN'S PARK			
CURRENT SITUATION - TORONTO			
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ANTICIPATED EVENTS - TORONTO			
DATE	TIME	NAME	COMMENTS
19-Feb-22	1200 hrs	The Line Canada	Calling for "all individuals and organizations that oppose mandatory vaccinations are encouraged to attend"
19-Feb-22	1500 hrs	KKKonvoyGoHome	Counter Action/Demo Banner Drop over the DVP DVP pedestrian bridge near 450 Broadview Ave 16 people responded: 3 going, 13 interested

WINDSOR - AMBASSADOR BRIDGE			
CURRENT SITUATION - WINDSOR - AMBASSADOR BRIDGE			
* see HENDON report			
ANTICIPATED EVENTS - WINDSOR - AMBASSADOR BRIDGE			
DATE	TIME	NAME	COMMENTS
19-Feb-22	1400 hrs	HOLD THE LINE	• Location: Great Canadian Flag @ Windsor Waterfront • "Windsor just delayed Ambassador Bridge traffic for a week, and Castreau declared martial law. Let's talk about that."

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NIAGARA FALLS / FORT ERIE PEACE BRIDGE			
CURRENT SITUATION - NIAGARA FALLS / FORT ERIE PEACE BRIDGE			
* see HENDON report			
ANTICIPATED EVENTS - NIAGARA FALLS / FORT ERIE PEACE BRIDGE			
DATE	TIME	NAME	COMMENTS
19-Feb-22	U/K	Niagara Peninsula Convoy 2022	"They have closed Sarnia and Windsor. The next step is the Peace Bridge/ Queenston-Lewiston slow roll/blockade." Indication is that it is a peaceful protest and no violence will be tolerated.
19-Feb-22	0930 hrs	OFFICIAL Freedom Canada Convoy 2022	Meeting at 815 York Road, Niagara on the Lake Travelling to the Peace Bridge to close it down
19-Feb-22	1300 hrs	Niagara Slow Roll	1300 hrs slow-roll - Protesters plan to join the protest at the Peace Bridge

QUEENSTON-LEWISTON BRIDGE (NIAGARA ON THE LAKE)			
CURRENT SITUATION - QUEENSTON-LEWISTON BRIDGE			
* see HENDON report			
ANTICIPATED EVENTS - QUEENSTON-LEWISTON BRIDGE			
DATE	TIME	NAME	COMMENTS
19-Feb-22	U/K	Niagara Peninsula Convoy 2022	"Niagara Peninsula Convoy 2022" group with mention of a potential convoy to take the Queenston-Lewiston Bridge on Feb 19th 2022. No further information.

CORNWALL POE			
CURRENT SITUATION - CORNWALL POE			
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ANTICIPATED EVENTS - CORNWALL POE			
DATE	TIME	NAME	COMMENTS
19-Feb-22	U/K	U/K	Cornwall PS advising of possible protest on 19 Feb 22

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OTHER EVENTS - SATURDAY 19 FEBRUARY 2022			
TIME	LOCATION	NAME	COMMENTS
U/K	Coutts, AB	Chris SKY	Chris SACCOCCIA aka Chris SKY attending Coutts AB with fuel and water
0630 hrs	Burlington & Toronto	Bus from Toronto to Ottawa "Freedombus"	Boarding at 0630 hrs for 0700 hrs departure from: Aldershot GO (Burlington) Islington Subway (Etobicoke) Victoria Park Subway (Scarborough) Cost: \$60/person
0800 hrs	Haldimand-Norfolk	Freedom Across Canada Together	"local awareness exercise for Canada" 110 people responded: 28 going, 82 interested
1100 hrs	Kawartha Lakes to Lindsay	Kawartha Lakes Convoy	Meeting at 1000 hrs at Redstone Quarry located at 1128 County Road 49 Depart 1100 hrs Route: Bobcaygeon-Fenelon Falls-Lindsay-Victoria Park to join Rise Up Kawartha
1100 hrs	Huntsville & Bracebridge	Ontario Protests and Freedom to Assemble	1100 hrs gathering at Huntsville Mall 1400 hrs gathering at Bracebridge Memorial Park
1200 hrs	Barrie	Support Convoy for Freedom Barrie	Meeting at 1030 hrs at 555 Bayview Dr (Sadlon Arena) Departure 1200 hrs
1400 hrs	Hamilton	Freedom of Choice Rally	Estimate 50-200 persons attending Michael BATOR, PPC party candidate likely to attend and deliver a speech Event from 1400 hrs to 1600 hrs

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OTHER EVENTS - SATURDAY 26 FEBRUARY 2022			
TIME	LOCATION	NAME	COMMENTS
1000 hrs	Peterborough	Ontario Protests and Freedom to Assemble	Peterborough Slow Roll Meeting at Metro parking lot at 1154 Chemong Rd, Peterborough
U/K	Nipigon	Nipigon Bridge POE	Protest was scheduled for 13 Feb 2022 has been rescheduled for 26 Feb 2022

OTHER EVENTS - UNKNOWN DATE			
TIME	LOCATION	NAME	COMMENTS
U/K	Thunder Bay	Canada Unity - Operation BearHug Canada	"ThunderBay officially joined in the fun and has launched #BearHugCanada today... Strategic bridges, border crossings - 1000 tractors/farmers going to a border crossing with 5000 semis and personal vehicles." Post states it "has the potential of being another Windsor or Coutes".

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